

Success is a result of everyone's effort

Our recent Family Day weekend was certainly a special one for members of the 179th, our community, families, employers, retired members and friends. As we all formed in front of the hangar to receive the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, presented by our Assistant Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Paul Sullivan, you could feel the sense of pride and accomplishment in the air. There wasn't any gloating or hand slapping, just a good feeling inside that we had answered the call, done our job and it was being appreciated.

After the ceremony, Family Day activities resumed as they have year after year. It may have been just a perception, but it seemed to me there were more family members than normal present, and I couldn't help but feel they too were as proud of their spouse or parents because of what they were doing to serve our country during these difficult times.

As Gen. Sullivan pointed out during his remarks, the thoughts of "duty,



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honor & country" along with our Air Force values of "integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do" seems to fit for the 179th AW. I couldn't agree more.

As I have often said, "together we

succeed" is the formula for success.

Our success is the result of teamwork; the teamwork that started in 1948 when our unit was formed by civic leaders whose vision of a vibrant Air National Guard unit grows stronger every day; the unit members who steadily created the culture of excellence that we do our best to build on; our families, employers and friends who take up the slack when we go off to serve; our community leaders, headquarters and Friends of the Guard who are with us every step of the way with words of encouragement and support. It takes all of these folks and more to achieve an honor such as the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Together we have succeeded and we will continue to succeed in the future, despite the challenges we might face, because with a support system like those mentioned above and the dedicated professionals of the 179th, we can't help but succeed.

No 'I' in teamwork

By: Chaplain Bob Jackson

A famous organist was performing a concert on the huge, antique organ at the local Presbyterian Church. The organ bellows were hand pumped by a boy who was behind a screen, unseen by the audience. The audience was thrilled by the organist's ability at the keyboard of the old instrument. After the first part of the concert, the organist received a standing ovation and walked triumphantly into a side passageway. As he passed the boy at the bellows, he heard him say, "We played well didn't we, sir?"

The organist haughtily replied, "And what do you mean, 'we'?" After the intermission, the organist returned to his seat at the grand old organ and began to play. But nothing

happened; not a sound was heard. Then the organist heard a youthful voice whisper from behind the screen, "Say, mister, now do you know what 'we' means?"

The concept of "we" is one of the most important lessons of life. One we need to constantly review and deepen our appreciation of. Without it our personal and professional lives will fall apart. No one is an island, scripture reminds us we form one body and our national motto "out of many, one" repeats that truth. God created a world of diverse individuals who can accomplish great things when they choose to work together with respect for the contributions of each person. It is a truth that we as individuals, an air wing, a nation can only neglect at our own peril.

Position vacancies

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